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A search has been by a foreign patent office (copy enclosed).

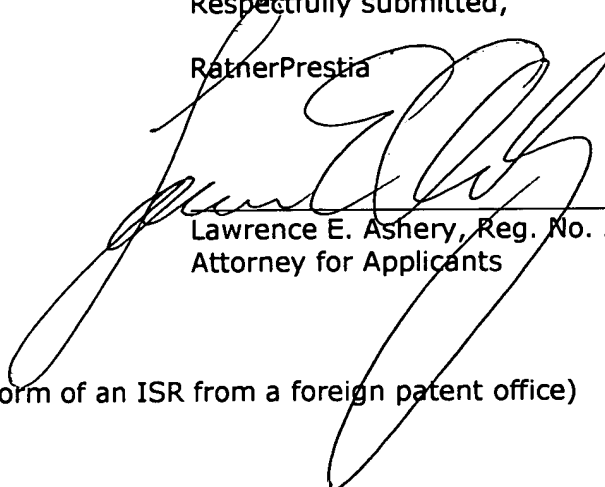
A copy of the references listed in the search from the foreign patent office has been provided via Information Disclosure Statement.

There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

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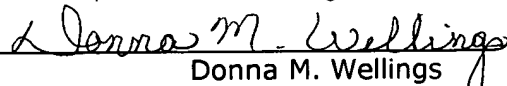
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APPENDIX

Applicants' claim 1 includes the feature of electronic equipment which transmits information containing index information, and a server device which stores electronic equipment related information, which stores an electronic equipment identifier in association with index information, and which obtains an electronic equipment identifier on the basis of index information which the received information has. In this manner, it is possible to reduce risk that an electronic equipment identifier is stolen and to heighten security. The claimed features referred to above are neither disclosed nor suggested by the references cited in the Search Report.

In addition, Applicants' claim 3 includes the steps of storing one or more pieces of electronic equipment related information, and storing an electronic equipment identifier in association with index information, and obtaining an electronic equipment identifier on the basis of index information which received send information has. In this manner, it is possible to reduce the risk that an electronic equipment identifier is stolen, and to heighten security. The above claimed feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the references cited in the Search Report.

In addition, Applicants' claim 6 includes the steps of receiving send information from an electronic equipment, and obtaining an electronic equipment identifier on the basis of index information which the received send information has. In this manner, it is possible to reduce the risk that an electronic equipment identifier is stolen, and to heighten security. The above claimed feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the references cited in the Search Report.

The Search Report includes five references:

- Reference 1 - JP 2002-149970 (CSK)
- Reference 2 - JP 2001-356973 (Century Systems)
- Reference 3 - JP 2002-141953 (SONY)
- Reference 4 - JP 2001-326695 (Matsushita)
- Reference 5 - JP 3445986 B1 (Matsushita)

Reference 1

Instead of having Applicants' claimed feature that an electronic equipment and a server device communicate using an index information to conceal an electronic equipment identifier, reference 1 has the feature that an electronic equipment and a server device communicate using an index information to obtain a credit information.

Reference 2

Instead of having Applicants' claimed feature that an electronic equipment and a server device communicate using an index information to conceal an electronic equipment identifier, reference 2 has the feature of the firewall traversal system using the server agent and proxy.

Reference 3

Instead of having Applicants' claimed feature that an electronic equipment and a server device communicate using an index information to conceal an electronic equipment identifier, reference 3 has the feature that the server device constructs the list of the services including the information which an electronic equipment send to server device.

Reference 4

Instead of having Applicants' claimed feature that an electronic equipment and a server device communicate using an index information to conceal an electronic equipment identifier, reference 4 has the feature of the ability that the server device redirects the packet sent from an electronic equipment to protect the private network.

Reference 5

Instead of having Applicants' claimed feature that an electronic equipment and a server device communicate using an index information to conceal an electronic equipment identifier, reference 5 has the feature of the ability that an electronic

equipment and a server device communicate using an electronic equipment identifier with secure protocol.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 2002-149970 A (Kabushiki Kaisha CSK.), 24 May, 2002 (24.05.02), Page 2, left column, liens 2 to 18 (Family: none)	17
A	JP 2001-356973 A (Century Systems Kabushiki Kaisha), 26 December, 2001 (26.12.01), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-17
A	JP 2002-141953 A (Sony Corp.), 17 May, 2002 (17.05.02), Full text; All drawings (Family: none)	1-17

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